

SUMMARY OF FY 2000 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Illinois FIRST Program Supports Transportation Projects

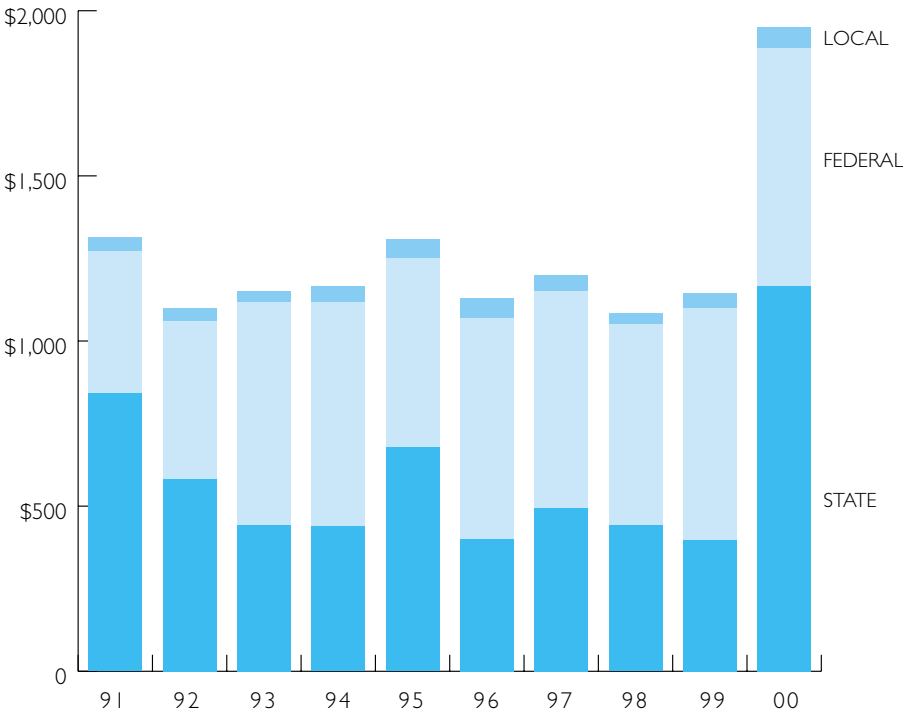
Illinois FIRST, the infrastructure funding program initiated by Governor George H. Ryan, allows IDOT to turn many more proposed transportation improvements into reality:

- **\$1.95 billion** for 2,254 highway and bridge rehabilitation projects
- **\$118.75 million** for 17 public transportation projects, including the restoration of state funding for capital improvements to match federal funds
- **\$14.85 million** for 90 airport projects, including a new program to supplement federally funded airport improvements
- **\$4.73 million** for high speed rail projects, including design work for track improvements, crossing safety upgrades and the Positive Train Control system (remote train tracking system)

In addition, local governments received a boost of more than 25 percent in their annual allocation of state Motor Fuel Tax revenues to meet their growing road and bridge repair needs.

The benefits of increased funding generated by a \$30 increase in the registration fees for passenger cars and a 25 percent increase for large truck license fees are visible throughout the state.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES OVER THE PAST 10 FISCAL YEARS, IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS



The increase in highway construction funds provided by the Illinois FIRST program in FY2000 is reflected in the chart that traces the past 10 years in the highway program.



Through Illinois FIRST funds, reconstruction work was begun on improving the "Hillside Bottleneck" interchange in Cook County during 2000.

IMPROVING ILLINOIS HIGHWAYS

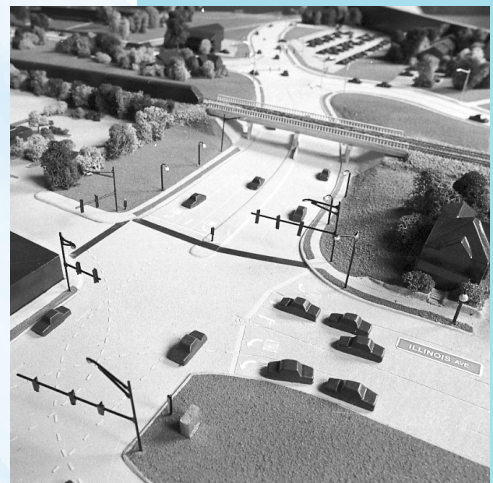
- Nearly completed the rehabilitation of the Stevenson Expressway (I-55) in Chicago, the largest highway project in Illinois history.
- Rehabilitated the eastbound span of the McClugage Bridge in Peoria and nearly completed the replacement bridge in Hannibal.
- Started reconstruction of Hillside Bottleneck in Cook County to untangle one of the nation's worst areas of congestion.



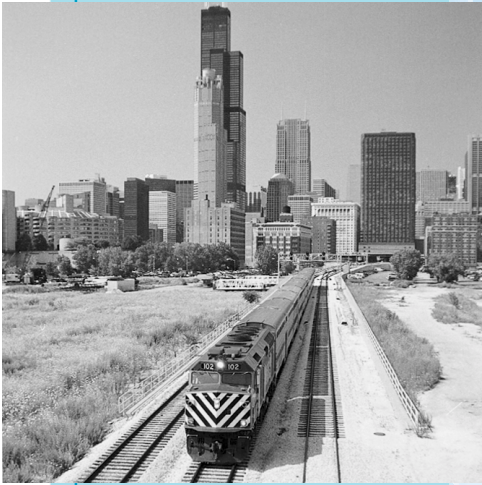
More than one million vehicles including 150,000 trucks travel the Stevenson Expressway every week.



The new Mark Twain Memorial Bridge carries I-72/U.S. 36 from Illinois to Missouri near Hannibal.



Pre-construction work and grading was completed on U.S.51 in Carbondale. Model shows final design.



Purchased 26 diesel locomotives to replace old ones and expand services.



Bought 68 full-size buses and 90 paratransit vehicles for persons with disabilities.



Improvements at the Greater Rockford Airport included runway rehabilitation.

SUPPORTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN ILLINOIS

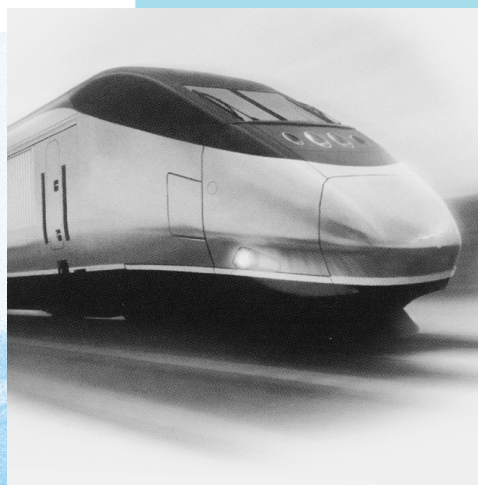
- Chicago transit systems reach highest gains in ridership in 10 years.
- Opened bus transfer center in Edwardsville; completed a transit support facility in Quincy, and started one in Springfield.

UPGRADING ILLINOIS AIRPORTS

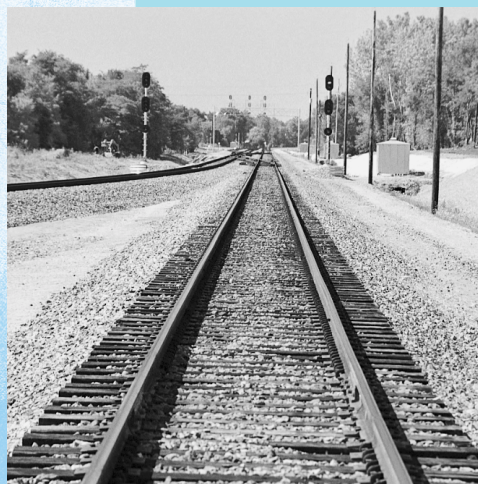
- Supported major improvements including runway construction and rehabilitation, taxiway rehabilitation and safety equipment additions at 21 airports statewide.

SUPPORTING RAIL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPING HIGH-SPEED RAIL

- Completed unique three-year agreement with Amtrak to support its passenger service. Renewed for three more years.
- Prepared draft environmental impact statement for Chicago–St. Louis high-speed rail corridor.



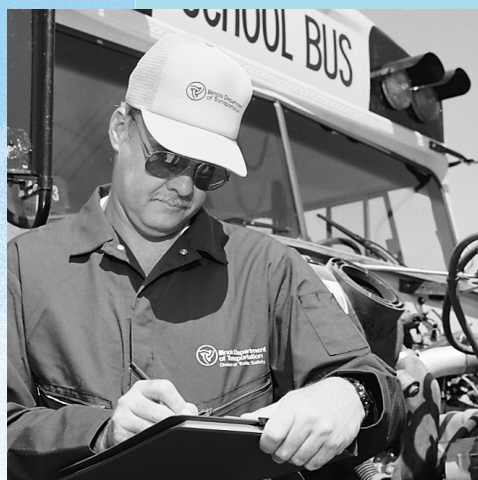
High-speed rail service is under development between Chicago and St. Louis.



Five major track construction projects completed.

TAKING TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES

- More than 425,000 commercial vehicle safety inspections were conducted.
- More than 45,000 school bus inspections were performed, including nearly 4,000 unscheduled inspections.
- Provided thousands of child safety seats for low-income parents.



More than 40,000 school bus semiannual inspections performed.



DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Secretary Kirk Brown accepted the 2000 Amtrak President's Award for State Partner on behalf of the department for supporting Amtrak passenger service in Illinois and promoting high-speed rail development.



The department's Division of Highways' nine-member Utility Relocation Total Quality Management (TQM) Team received the 1999 Pathfinder Award from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials for improving customer service and reducing unnecessary delays in the relocation of utilities during highway construction projects. Deputy Secretary Rob Newbold presents the award to team members (l to r): Charles Slavens, District 7; Dave Krueger, District 1; Steve Jines, District 8; Mike Pugh, Bureau of Design & Environment; Dan Turner, Bureau of Land Acquisition; Adam Baumgartner, District 2; Ahmad Karim, District 1; Amy Reed, District 3; and John Negangard, District 6.



The Federal Highway Administration honored IDOT with its 1999 Quality Achievement Award through the National Quality Initiative for the department's innovative work on the River Bridge at Havana.